(b) whether Government plan to issue separate licences and regulate them by a separate Accrediation Authority;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any legislation is proposed to control these centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Indian Council of Medical Research along with National academy of medical sciences has drafted a "National Guidelines for Accreditation, Supervision and regulation of Assisted Reproduce Technologies (ART) Clines in India" on the request of the Government of India. These draft guidelines have been released for public debate. The guidelines address issues of informed decision-making, including information-giving and consent, counselling, research on embryos, storage of gametes and embryos, record keeping, prohibited and unacceptable practices, accreditation and approval process for research, research dissemination of results and the role of Institutional ethics Committees, complaints and appeals on legal, ethical and conscientious objection.

(b) to (c) based on the responses received from he Exports and civil society to the draft guidelines, Government will consider the need for instituting appropriate legal and administrative mechanisms to regulate ART services in the country.

Development of artificial skin from the membrane of fish

†1242. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the scientists of Kochi have claimed developing an artificial skin from the membrane of fish which can be used to heal the wounds of burn patients and also for the teeth related diseases; and

(b) if so, Government's view in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) no such report has been received by the Government.

National Population Policy

1241. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the National Population Policy norms for population stabilization;

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